COMMEMORATING CHESTERFIELD MISSOURI

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the city of Chesterfield, Missouri which celebrated its birthday on the 1st of June.

Throughout its 400-year history, the area of Chesterfield, Missouri has cultivated a deep tradition and distinguished itself as one of St. Louis County's fastest growing communities. Chesterfield's most famous citizen, Frederick Bates, settled there in 1819 and served as Secretary of the new territory. This area remained a collection of rural communities influenced by German settlers throughout the 19th century and for most of the 20th century. In the 1960's, Chesterfield began aggressive development that paved the way to the prosperous city it is today. The city officially incorporated in 1988 and its economy and community continues to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, as a resident of Chesterfield, it gives me great pleasure to recognize this outstanding city and its citizens for their contributions in making our community a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

I would like to wish the city of Chesterfield a happy birthday and hope for the area's continued success in the new century.

TRIBUTE TO ANNA WANG

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Anna Wang, a Supervising Librarian at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters. Mrs. Wang is retiring after 32 years of dedicated service to the library and the community. I join her family, friends, and grateful colleagues in honoring her for her talents and skills that she has shared with our community.

Mrs. Wang has worked diligently to select, process and organize the largest Chinese language collection in a public library in New Jersey. This collection, housed in the Shrewsbury, Marlboro, Holmdel, and Manalapan libraries, has been a vital resource for the people of New Jersey.

Mrs. Wang has also coordinated Chinese ethnic festivals with local schools and the Friends of the Monmouth County Library; she has arranged an exchange program with the National Central Library in Taipei, Taiwan; and she has obtained numerous dollars in federal grants for these programs. Her talents and hard-work will be sorely missed by the entire community.

Mrs. Wang is one of those truly amazing individuals who devotes all of her time to public service. In addition to her tremendous accomplishments at work, Mrs. Wang manages to serve as president of the New Jersey Chinese Book Club. She is also a columnist for the New Jersey Sino Monthly Magazine and the Global Chinese Times. And she is the author of three books.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in thanking Mrs. Wang for her and contribu-

tions to New Jersey, her dedication, and her hard work, and I wish her a happy productive retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I apologize for my absence recently from the House of Representatives on June 13, 2000.

On June 13, 2000, I was unavoidably detained at a school event for my youngest son, and unfortunately missed one recorded vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye for Roll Call vote 265.

HONORING HOWARD M. FEUER FOR HIS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY AD-MINISTRATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Howard M. Feuer for his long and distinguished career of service to the Social Security Administration. Next week, Mr. Feuer will retire after 40 years of service to the Agency.

In this era of frequent career changes, Mr. Feuer's 40 years of service should be duly noted. He is one of the most respected and experienced Area Directors in the Social Security Administration. For half of his 40 year career, Mr. Feuer has served as an Area Director. He oversees the operations of 26 field offices in Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties in New York State, including a staff of over 800 SSA employees.

Throughout his career with Social Security, he has received many awards, including a Commissioner's Citation for his dedication to achieving the administration's goals of service to the public and value of its employees.

Howard Feuer earned a BBA and an MBA from CCNY-Baruch College. He has held many positions in both Social Security offices and the New York Regional Office. Mr. Feuer has been an innovator, embracing technological enhancements and maximizing the efficacy of his Area's resources. He has been a mentor to many of the management staff in the Region and is a recognized leader among Area Directors throughout the country. For 25 years, he has been directly involved in labor relations activities, including contract negotiations on the regional and national levels.

Howard M. Feuer is a man of incredible vision and foresight. His career has been dedicated to a level of service and efficiency that has no comparison. His commitment to the achievement of the goals of the Social Security Administration has been demonstrated in his unceasing efforts to improve the quality and productivity of his offices. Howard Feuer is now retiring from government service after a distinguished career. I know that his absence will be felt by staff nationally, regionally and locally.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Howard M. Feuer. With his retirement, the American public will be losing one of its most dedicated public servants.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on June 12, 2000, and June 13, 2000, to attend a family funeral. I missed recorded votes for H.R. 4577, making appropriations for FY 2001 Labor/Health & Human Services/Education, and H.R. 4079, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education.

I ask that the record reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes numbered 258, 260, 261, 263, 265, 266, 267, 269. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes numbered 259, 262, 264, 268.

EDUCATION IN MINNESOTA

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I speak on behalf of myself and Mr. HOEKSTRA of Michigan. The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Education and Workforce Committee conducted an oversight field hearing Monday, June 6, 2000, in the State of Minnesota.

Among the most informative presentations made before the member participants was one delivered by Mr. John H. Scribante, a Minnesota businessman and an honorable American.

Mr. Scribante's passion for children and their need for first-rate learning opportunity was most impressive and we hereby submit for the RECORD the remarks of Mr. Scribante regarding the important topic of school reform.

Mr. Speaker, we commend the excellent observations and conclusions made by Mr. Scribante to our colleagues and submit the following for the RECORD.

EDUCATIONAL FASCISM IN MINNESOTA

(A Statement Submitted by John H. Scribante—Entrepreneur; Respectfully submitted to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Committee on Education and the Workforce—June 6, 2000)

STATEMENT

We're gathered here this morning at a very interesting time . . . 56 years ago today, D-Day, 2,500 Allied soldiers died in Normandy fighting Fascist Germany for the freedom for Americans to pursue liberty. This offers us a unique perspective on this monumental issue of educational change. We're poised at the beginning of the 21st century, and while the rest of the world is abandoning central labor planning, Minnesota is driving through